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**Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.**

**Wright Lifetime Achievement Award winners announced; former Office of Child Support Director Marilyn Stephen of Jackson, Crawford County Juvenile Officer Thomas Haskel honored for service to Michigan families**

[Press release](#)

**Detroit Free Press: Adoption Day celebrates efforts of many like Detroit mom**

"... [Pamela] Stewart adopted two of [Monique] Moore's children and cared for a third until she became an adult and moved out earlier this year. Even though Moore no longer has legal rights to the children, she's often included in their lives and plans to attend an event today to recognize Michigan Adoption Day at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center in Detroit."

[Full story](#)

**The Detroit News: Top Michigan judge approves adoptions on adoption day**

"The chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court is joining other judges in approving adoptions as part the state's annual adoption day. Thirty-three counties have scheduled adoption day events, many of them Tuesday. Chief Justice Robert Young Jr. is finalizing some adoptions at the Supreme Court in Lansing, along with judges from Marquette and Saginaw."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

**Associated Press: Top Mich. judge approves adoptions on adoption day**

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**Note: The article also ran in WJR-760 AM/Detroit.**

**WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Events planned across Michigan to celebrates adoptive families during Adoption Day**

[Full story](#)

**The Alpena News: Adoption Day celebration Tuesday**

"On Tuesday, 10 local children will be presented loving parents and new homes, as they are set to have their adoptions finalized and approved by Judge Thomas LaCross and Judge Michael Mack. The adoptions are the primary celebration of the 10th annual Adoption Day in the state of Michigan and Alpena County is one of 33 counties that celebrate the special day."

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**Also see:**

**The Alpena News: Judge Thomas LaCross: An invitation to celebrate Adoption Day**

[Full story](#)

**The Alpena News: Doree Kent: Adoption Day event a celebration of family**

[Full story](#)

**Battle Creek Enquirer: Adoption formalities give way to family time; Three boys adopted in special event in circuit court**

"... With a short hearing and a few signatures Jonathan and Bethany Doviak of Battle Creek added three boys to their family, which already included two other children, Meg, 13 and Beak, 5. They appeared before Calhoun County Circuit Court Judge Stephen Miller Monday afternoon 21/2 years after the couple became foster parents. Bethany Doviak is the aunt of the three boys who were placed in the home after their biological mother and father lost parental rights."

[Full story](#)

### **Dowagiac Daily News: High court justice attending four Cass adoptions**

"Cass will be one of 33 counties celebrating Michigan's 10th annual Adoption Day. Cass County celebrates at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Law and Courts Building, 60296 M-62. 'We will be finalizing four adoptions and Justice Stephen Markman will be our guest,' according to Probate Register Donna Dodd."

[Full story](#)

### **Macomb County Legal News: Adoption Day celebrated by Michigan courts**

"In addition to observing Thanksgiving this week, many Michigan families will also be 'Giving thanks for families' by celebrating the addition of new family members on Michigan's Tenth Annual Adoption Day.... The Oakland County Circuit Court Family Division was scheduled to conduct its 10th Annual Celebration of Michigan Adoption Day today in the Commissioners Auditorium at the Oakland County Courthouse in Pontiac."

[Full story](#)

### **WLNS-TV(6)/Lansing: Michigan Holds 10th Annual 'Adoption Day'**

"Just in time for the holidays, kids are getting the chance of a lifetime: to be adopted. The chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court is joining other judges in approving adoptions as part the state's annual adoption day. 33 counties have scheduled adoption day events, many of them on Tuesday. Chief Justice Robert Young Jr. is finalizing some adoptions at the Supreme Court in Lansing, along with judges from Marquette and Saginaw."

[Full story](#)

### **WLNS-TV(6)/Lansing: National Adoption Day Kicks Off Early in Michigan**

"National Adoption Day is Saturday [November 17] and some are so eager, they started celebrating Friday. Down in Jackson County, the family court celebrated the creation of nine new families.... Supreme Court Justice Stephen Markman [along with Jackson County Circuit Court Judge Richard Laflamme] conducted three adoption ceremonies Friday. He says it's a nice change from his usual court day."

[Full story](#)

### **The Detroit News: Supreme Court Justice Hathaway denies she's resigned**

"Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway informed the high court's chief justice Tuesday she is not stepping down from the bench despite rumors her departure was imminent. Chief Justice Robert Young Jr. said Hathaway sent him an email late Tuesday morning informing him she is not resigning."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **MLive.com: Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway denies rumors of resignation amid FBI probe**

[Full story](#)

### **The MiLW Blog: Rumors of Hathaway's departure unfounded**

[Full story](#)

### **State Bar of Michigan Blog: Not So Breaking: Justice Hathaway Rebuts Resignation Rumor**

[Full story](#)

### **WXYZ-TV (7)/Detroit: Justice Diane Hathaway calls rumors of her resignation "untrue"**

[Full story](#)

### **WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Michigan Justice Diane Hathaway tells staff she's not quitting**

[Full story](#)

**WKAR News/East Lansing: Attorney: Justice Hathaway Is Not Resigning**

[Full story](#)

**Note:** The article also ran on Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor.

**WJR 760 AM/Detroit: Frank Beckmann interview with Clifford Taylor, former Michigan Supreme Court [Justice], on what happens if [Justice] Diane Hathaway steps down from the Michigan Supreme Court (eight minute podcast)**

[Full story](#)

**WJR 760 AM/Detroit: Frank Beckmann interview with Bill Ballenger, editor of Inside Michigan Politics, on what happens if [Justice] Diane Hathaway steps down from the Michigan Supreme Court (6:18 minute podcast)**

[Full story](#)

**The Detroit News: Man held in rape case free after 10 years; New evidence: Attack stories 'concocted'**

"A judge granted a prosecutor's request to drop a rape case Monday against a Michigan man who is going free after nearly a decade in prison.... [James Grissom] was granted a second trial based on the new evidence, a decision that was affirmed by the Michigan Supreme Court. Prosecutor Michael Wendling doubted he could win a conviction, however, and dropped the case."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

**The Oakland Press: Freedom for man held 10 years on rape conviction**

[Full story](#)

**Note:** The article also ran in the Morning Sun and WILX-TV(10)/Lansing.

**Times Herald/Port Huron: GRISSOM WALKS FREE; Retrial ordered, judge dismisses charges; He's released after nine years in prison**

[Full story](#)

**Detroit Free Press: Suit seeking removal of Roy Roberts from Detroit Public Schools filed with Michigan Supreme Court**

"A lawsuit that seeks the removal of the Detroit Public Schools emergency financial manager was filed Monday with the state Supreme Court after it was rejected by the state Court of Appeals last week. Highland Park school board member Robert Davis filed an emergency request for consideration with the state's high court."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

**Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Lawsuit continues: Emergency financial managers not legal**

[Full story](#)

**MLive.com: Emergency manager question taken to Michigan Supreme Court**

[Full story](#)

**The Daily Tribune: Michigan appeals court reinstates murder charge in Warren case**

"The state Court of Appeals has reinstated a first-degree felony murder charge against a man accused of killing his ex-girlfriend's new boyfriend in her Warren home. In a decision released last week, the COA agreed with Macomb prosecutors and overturned a Macomb County judge, ruling that Dwayne Wilson should face trial for first-degree felony murder instead of second-degree murder."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Macomb Daily.**

### **Dowagiac Daily News: Sobriety court gets \$50K grant renewed**

"Jail time does not change addictive behavior but treatment that teaches people to live alcohol- and drug-free does work, according to national statistics that track such treatments. In Cass County, this holds true as well, according to the success rate in Cass County Sobriety Court."

[Full story](#)

### **MLive.com: Peter Luke: Perhaps it's time to leave constitutional amendments to the Legislature**

"A few final takeaways from the November election:... Rich Robinson of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network estimates that, at a minimum, 75 percent of the more than \$15 million spent boosting the candidacies of Michigan Supreme Court candidates will remain hidden under the shroud of a 2004 secretary of state finding that continues to mistakenly characterize such spending as issue advocacy."

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: Youth parole ruling not applied retroactively**

"A landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision that said juveniles convicted of murder can be eligible for parole should not be retroactively applied for most youths sentenced in Michigan, a state appeals court panel said in a ruling released last Friday. The Michigan Court of Appeals ruling came in the case of Raymond Carp, a St. Clair County man who was convicted of a murder committed when he was 15."

[Full story](#)

### **WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Wayne County Friend of the Court: What's behind the backlog?**

"The 7 Action News investigators are demanding answers for frustrated parents who are fed up with the Wayne County Friend of the Court. Turns out the numbers released by WCFOC officials Monday verify what experienced observers of the operation have said that the staff has a case load that dwarfs other counties, and that their responsibilities may be at the heart of service that many have told us is unsatisfactory and needs to be corrected."

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